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MANCHESTER MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD EXPLOITATION OFFENSES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Chief John Jaskolka of the Manchester Police Department today announced that Philip Longeway 34, of Manchester, was sentenced in United States District Court to 17-1/2 years in federal prison and a life term of supervised release.

Longeway pleaded guilty on December 16, 2005 to traveling with the intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor. Longeway will have to register as a sex offender and will be prohibited from living or loitering within 100 yards of any building or facility routinely frequented by children.

The defendant was arrested in October, 2004, after an off-duty police officer encountered Longeway in Dorchester, MA., with a minor female in his car. An investigation by the Boston Sexual Assault Team, the Manchester Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that Longeway had traveled from his home in Manchester, N.H., to meet the child in a parking lot. He then drove to a nearby graveyard where they engaged in sexual activity. Longeway had met the child by using a phone chat line service.

Longeway was convicted in December of 1997 to sexually assaulting a fourteen year old Vermont girl. After completing a sexual offender treatment program in 2002 his sentenced was suspended.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The Attorney General recently announced a new policy initiative in one of the Department's key priority areas - 'Project Safe Childhood,' - to prevent the exploitation of children over the Internet and will focus on integrating federal, state, and local efforts to investigate and prosecute child exploitation cases. This case is a perfect example of state and federal law enforcement agencies working to aggressively prosecute those individuals who choose to prey on our children."

U.S. Attorney Colantuono praised the FBI and the Manchester and Boston Police Departments for continuing their diligent work in bringing to justice those who would engage in such heinous victimization of children. This prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.